

### Renew Contract With Co. for Tax Collection

Renewal of the contract between the city and county for the latter's assessment of Torrance property and collection of Torrance city taxes was authorized by the city council Tuesday night. The county is paid at the rate of one per cent of the first \$85,000 taxes collected and one-quarter of one percent on the remainder for both services.

### State Recreation Contract Approved

On recommendation of Dale Riley, city recreation director, the city council Tuesday night approved the program outlined for Torrance by the State-Wide Recreation Department and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was authorized to sign a contract for 1944.

Public school property in the United States is estimated at \$5,000,000,000.

### Torrance Hi News Notes

**SOCK DANCE** . . . Today the Girls' Athletic Association sponsored a "Sock Dance" in the gym. This was quite a new idea for all the dancing was done in socks. Prizes were given for the "holiest", loudest and most darned socks. The admittance was one can of food and students were asked to check their shoes at the door.

**GOOD CONDUCT** . . . We are happy to report that the conduct at the Coliseum last Nov. 30 was exceptionally good. Since these games started eight years ago, the conduct has been getting better and at the last game was better than ever before. If this had not been true the games were to be discontinued. The benefits of these games go to the P. T. A. and they feed needy children in Los Angeles with the money. We are happy to say that they are to continue to receive this source of support.

**FLU WANES** . . . Starting last week, an influenza epidemic had spread over nearly all of Southern California. The epidemic reached its peak Friday here when 250 were absent. Sixty came back Thursday, but a few new ones had contracted the disease and were out. There were 195 absent on Monday, the number raising to 215 on Tuesday, 226 on Wednesday and then dropping to 210 Thursday. It was considered best by authorities not to close the schools but to keep all healthy students in one place and have those ill at home.

**TAGS AND BIRDS** . . . You still have one more day to buy a tag or bring a can of food to school. The profits from the tags go for relief as do the canned goods. Come on, students, help support this drive and give some needy family a good Christmas! . . . A new club has been organized at T. H. S. called the "Bird Club". Officers are President Bob Schwartz, Vice-President Dan Ordway, Secretary and Treasurer Harriet Sparebick, and Reporter Jimmy Wolverson. The club is planning a trip to the Griffith Park sanctuary in the near future.

**TO INSTALL SCALE**  
Columbia Steel Company was given a permit to install a scale on Cravens avenue below Border by the city council Tuesday night.

The original circumnavigation of the globe by Magellan's fleet took 1,083 days.

### T.H.S. Grads' History Brought Up to Date

**By BERNARD FRIEDMAN**  
A few of our Torrance high's outstanding graduates have escaped attention. Harry Bell is one. Harry attended Fresno State but he is now attending the school of business at U. S. C. He and John Hall have many hilarious tales of the doings of a certain professor. Bob Mowry picked a school far from home—he is at Chaffee J. C., following in his dad's footsteps as he is majoring in chemistry. Ray Richart and Feruccio Rossi are now self-appointed expert critics of the Los Angeles theatre, the legitimate theatre if you please.

**After the Job's Daughters** dance and installation a few of the boys were privileged to hear Kenny Perkin swing out on a few of his own arrangements of popular pieces of the day. Kenny, in the vernacular, is a real hot cat. He not only is a wonderful piano player but he seems to have a promising career as an arranger. His stuff is really good.

In order to avoid being shot at sunrise, names of more of the students going to Compton J. C., had better be included today: Lois Jane Allen is taking a teacher's course. Virginia Hill is also matriculating at the popular Compton institution. The other Virginia of the skating Virginias, Virginia McGinnis, is going to the same institution.

The popular Georgina Tiffany is learning more about business at a Long Beach business school. Up at U. C. L. A., Gerald Grubb has joined the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Marvin Lee has gone up several grade points, proving that to be a good athlete it is not necessary to be of low intellect. Harry York is working at the National Supply Company in Torrance. So is Harry Raymond and Johnny Guyan. Earl Lock is now working, turning his talents to best use at the Vega Airplane factory. He is in the drafting department.

Of the feminine workers, Muriel Alverson is a stenographer at the Hydril plant. Marjorie William is asking, "how many, please?" at the Grand theatre.

There seems to be a craze to buy and fix up these 1928 Chevies and fix them up. It has struck Harold Massie, John Hall Dave Figueredo.

### Dr. Siekmann Recalls 1918 Flu Experience

The present influenza epidemic recalls to Dr. Katherine F. Siekmann, D. C., her experience in 1918 when the widespread disease was raging so badly. She was in the midst of the epidemic in Kansas, handling a great many cases without the loss of one.

"Chiropractic made its record everywhere, losing only one out of 287 cases as contrasted with other healing arts, which averaged one loss out of 10 victims," Dr. Siekmann points out from health records. "Flu—as it is called—is not serious and not to be feared if proper care is taken of and by the patient," Dr. Siekmann states. — Advertisement.



**FACING DEATH AT SEA** . . . Laraine Day clings to Joel McCrea after a harrowing experience at sea where their Clipper plane was forced down in a tensely dramatic scene from "Foreign Correspondent," which is now showing at the Grand theatre. On the same bill is "A Dispatch From Reuters," featuring Edward G. Robinson.



**TRIANGLE OF TROUBLE** . . . James Cagney (right) is all ready to pin rival Anthony Quinn's ears back, but Ann Sheridan won't let them fight in this scene from "City for Conquest" which is now showing at the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne. The second feature on the bill is "Haunted Honeymoon."

### Ambulance Contract Okayed by Council

A contract between the city and Stone and Myers mortuary for ambulance service at the rate of \$12 per month without regard to the number of calls for the remainder of the fiscal year was authorized by the city council Tuesday night.

### Where Hogging is Proper

Petting parties in moving vehicles are frowned upon by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Its officials appear to believe the safest thing to hug under such circumstances is the right hand side of the road.

Business Cards, 1,000 for \$1.25, cash with order. Torrance Herald, 1336 El Prado.

### Mullin Now With Home Liquor Store

Bill Mullin, well-known dispenser, is now associated with the Home Liquor store, operated at 1115 Sartori avenue by Rogers and Finlayson. A resident of Torrance for many years, Mullin has a wide circle of friends. He extends a cordial invitation to his patrons to visit him at his new location.

### WOULD NEVER MISS IT

Hewitt: "You don't seem to think very much of him." Jewett: "If he had his conscience taken out it would just be a minor operation."

The United States produces more petroleum than all other countries combined.

### Embassy Theatre Re-Opens Following Many Improvements

After a week of intensive remodeling and installation of new sound and air conditioning equipment, the Embassy Theatre, 15331 So. Vermont avenue, Gardens, re-opened this week under the new ownership of H. J. Peskay.

The Embassy is now newly painted inside, the floors have been completely refinished and new heating units installed for the comfort of patrons. A "crying room" for infants is also provided.

Three complete changes of pictures each week have been announced by Mr. Peskay with a continuous show on Saturday and Sunday. Special features for children will be shown on Saturday afternoons. Ample free parking space adjoining the theatre is offered Embassy patrons.

Other features for next week are listed in the Embassy's advertisement in another column of this issue.

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### New LOMITA Theatre

ADULTS 20c FREE AUTO PARK CHILDREN 10c  
Now Playing—Ends Sat., Dec. 14th—  
"KNUTE ROCKNE ALL AMERICAN" ALSO  
"KIT CARSON"

### POPETE CARTOON NEWS KENO—Saturday Night

Sun., Mon., Tues., Dec. 15, 16, 17—  
"Strike Up The Band"

### "We Who Are Young"

Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Dec. 18, 19, 20, 21—  
"THE WESTERNER"

### "THE QUARTERBACK" KENO—Wed. and Sat.

Fri., Dec. 18—FREE . . . \$100.00 PACKARD BELL RADIO

### FOX WEST COAST THEATRES

### REDONDO

ENDS SATURDAY  
CLAUDETTE COLBERT—RAY MILLAND  
"ARISE MY LOVE"  
CESAR ROMERO as "The Cisco Kid"  
"THE GAY CABALLERO"  
STARTS SUNDAY  
BETTE DAVIS—HERBERT MARSHALL in  
"THE LETTER"  
DOUG FAIRBANKS, JR. SITA HAYWORTH in  
"ANGELS OVER BROADWAY"

### HERMOSA

STARTS FRIDAY  
ALICE FAYE—BETTY GRABLE  
JACK OAKIE — JOHN PAINE  
"TIN PAN ALLEY"  
AND  
DEANNA DURBIN—ROBERT CUMMINGS  
"SPRING PARADE"

### LA MAR

MANHATTAN BRANCH  
CALL 8500  
STARTS FRIDAY  
JOEL MCCREA  
LARAINE DAY in  
"FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT"  
AND  
JAMES CAGNEY—ANN SHERIDAN in  
'CITY FOR CONQUEST'

### STRAND

REDONDO BEACH  
All Seats  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
GENE AUSTY in  
"RIDE TENDERFOOT RIDE"  
THURS., FRI., SAT.—  
with JEAN CAGNEY  
STARTS SUNDAY  
BETTY DAVIS—CHARLES BOYER in  
"ALL THIS AND HEAVEN TOO"  
LAURENCE OLIVIER—GREGG KERRICK  
"PRIDE AND PREJUDICE"

**A SPELLING BEE**  
First I got tonsillitis, followed by appendicitis and pneumonia. After that I got erysipelas with hemochromatosis. Following that I got poliomyelitis and finally ended with neuritis. Then they gave me hypodermics and inoculations.

No, sir, I thought I would never pull through that spelling test!

### FOX CABRILLO

San Pedro Phone 4949  
NOW PLAYING . . .  
CLARE BARRIS—HEDY LAMAR  
"Comrade X"  
2ND HIT  
"Dance on a Dime"

### THE MARK BROS. "GO WEST"

—PLUS—  
ANN SOTHERN  
"DULCY"

### Fox GRANADA

832 Avelon Blvd., Wilmington  
"Arise My Love"  
CLAUDETTE COLBERT—RAY MILLAND  
"The Gay Caballero"  
CESAR ROMERO

### "ESCAPE"

NORMA SHEARER—ROBERT TAYLOR  
"ANGELS OVER BROADWAY"  
DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. SITA HAYWORTH

### WIN! Money or Play Keno Every Monday and Friday . . . In All Three Theatres!

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Phone Torrance 269  
GENERAL ADMISSION 25c  
NOW ONLY (Plus Tax)  
COME EARLY ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY!  
THURS., FRI., SAT.—  
TWO OF THE YEAR'S TOP HITS  
"FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT"  
with JOEL MCCREA—LARAINE DAY  
EDWARD G. ROBINSON and SONJA BEST  
"A DISPATCH FROM REUTERS"  
SATURDAY MATINEE—  
"JUNIOR GEMIN"

### "THIRD FINGER LEFT HAND"

MAJORE BARNETT—ANN MALS in  
"TUGBOAT ALAN SAILS AGAIN"  
WEDNESDAY—DINNERWARE  
RALPH BULLARD—MARGARET LINDSAY  
"Meet the Wildcat"  
ALSO  
BOBBY JORDAN—LEO GORCEY in  
"That Gang of Mine"

### TORRANCE THEATRE

Phone Torrance 132  
GENERAL ADMISSION 20c  
THURS., FRI., SAT.—  
A FIRST RUN FEATURE HIT  
DON (BOB) BARRY in  
"TULSA KID"  
ALSO  
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"NEVER SAY DIE"  
SUN., MON., TUES.—  
ANOTHER  
GENE AUSTY in  
"RIDE TENDERFOOT RIDE"  
ALSO  
"DRUMS OF THE DESERT"

### GARDEN THEATRE

Phone Menlo 4-2252  
GENERAL ADMISSION NOW ONLY (No Tax!) 20c  
THURS., FRI., SAT.—  
"STRIKE UP THE BAND"  
SUN., MON., TUES.—  
"KNUTE ROCKNE ALL AMERICAN"  
"CHUCKLE STRIP"  
WEDNESDAY — DINNERWARE  
"THAT GANG OF MINE"  
"THE HUMBER'S HAND"

Announcing a New Floor Show Friday Night  
Featuring Leading Song and Dance Artists  
No Cover Charge  
**Denver's Place**  
21922 SO. MAIN ST. TORRANCE

GOING TO THE SNOW THIS WEEK-END?  
  
CALL AHEAD! AND CALL HOME!  
The message ahead will insure bed—dry, warm room—and arrange meetings with friends. The message homeward will give reassurance and share the pleasure. Telephones are handy for your use in the snow country.  
Call ahead! Call home!  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE COMPANY  
1266 Sartori Telephone Torrance 4600

**OPEN LETTER**  
TO THE 100,000 PEOPLE WHO INTEND TO BUY DE LUXE LOWEST-PRICED CARS THIS MONTH  
Before you sign on the dotted line, be sure to compare the price of the car you have in mind with that of the low-priced OLDSMOBILE. You'll be surprised to find only a small difference in dollars but a whale of a big difference in automobile!  
**\$852\***  
HERE'S WHAT YOU GET:  
100 HP. 6-CYL. ECONO-MASTER ENGINE  
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CHANCES are that the lowest-priced car you have in mind is a de luxe model. If that's the case, compare it with the big quality built Olds Special. The Olds price is right down in your own price range, but the Olds car is way out in front in value. It gives you more size, more room, more power. It gives you the latest in fine-car features.  
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JAMES CAGNEY — ANN SHERIDAN in  
"City For Conquest"  
—ALSO—  
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with ROBT. MONTGOMERY and CONSTANCE CUMMINGS  
Magic Screen Friday  
COME EARLY!  
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EDWARD G. ROBINSON—SONJA BEST  
"A Dispatch From Reuters"  
—ALSO—  
"3rd Finger Left Hand"  
with MYRNA LOY — MELVYN DOUGLAS  
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18—  
"Howards of Virginia"  
—ALSO—  
"I'm Nobody's Sweetheart Now"  
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ALL SEATS 15c Children 10c  
PLAY KENO TO-NITE (Thurs.)  
SYLVIA SIDNEY MARY CARLISLE in  
GEO RAFT in "ONE FRIGHTENED NIGHT"  
"YOU AND ME"  
Friday and Saturday (Matinee Sat.) Dec. 13, 14—  
BING CROSBY in BRUCE CABOT in  
"DR. RHYTHM" "MICKEY THE KID"  
12 BIG BAGS GROCERIES Friday Nite  
5 HEN TURKEYS Saturday Nite  
Sun., Mon., Tues. (Cont. Sun.) Dec. 15, 16, 17—  
—WHAT A SHOW!—  
STANWYCK — FONDA Dorothy Lamour  
"MAD MISS MANTON" Ray Milland  
Bob Burns, Martha Raye  
"TROPIC HOLIDAY"  
PLAY KENO Tuesday Night!  
Wednesday, Thursday (Keno Thurs.) Dec. 18, 19—  
BETTY GRABLE NOEL MADISON in  
JOE PENNER in "DAY BOOKIES WEPT" "NATION AFLAME"  
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KENO—Tues., and Thurs., TURKEYS Every Sat.

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